

SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES

A. Service Specifications

This is a non-mandatory model template for local population. Commissioners may retain the structure below, or may determine their own in accordance with the Contract Technical Guidance.

Service Specification No.	GPwSI 2023 - 2024
Service	Community GPwSI Assisted Fertility Service – Queen Square Medical Practice
Commissioner Lead	Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board
Provider Lead	
Period	1 April 2023 to 31 st March 2024
Date of Review	Under Review

1. Population Needs		
1.1 National/local context and evidence base		
<p>It is estimated that 300 patients per annum within the North Lancashire and South Cumbria localities present to their GP Practice with infertility problems and that by managing patients with infertility problems in a primary care environment will produce a reduction in referrals into secondary care and therefore produce a cost saving.</p> <p>At present there is no flexibility for primary care providers to refer patients directly to tertiary care, in addition, patients travel to tertiary centers for services which can be provided locally within secondary care where appropriate.</p> <p>Patients who need assisted fertility require counselling however there is no specific counselling service outside of tertiary care for patients accessing local services for investigation and management of infertility.</p> <p>The scheme has been ratified by the Lancaster and Morecambe Practice Based Commissioning Consortium.</p>		
2. Outcomes		
2.1 <u>NHS Outcomes Framework Domains & Indicators</u>		
Domain 1	Preventing people from dying prematurely	
Domain 2	Enhancing quality of life for people with long-term conditions	
Domain 3	Helping people to recover from episodes of ill-health or following injury	
Domain 4	Ensuring people have a positive experience of care	X

Domain 5	Treating and caring for people in safe environment and protecting them from avoidable harm	X
2.2 Local defined outcomes		
3. Scope		
3.1 Aims and objectives of service		
The aim of the service is:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To bring services closer to home, providing a more convenient location for patients to attend for consultation appointments. ▪ To deliver better value for money for patients with known and unidentified assisted fertility problems. ▪ To ensure “work-up” investigations are undertaken in primary care, including rubella screening, Chlamydia screening, semen analysis and assessment of ovulation. ▪ To ensure patients confirmed with male factor infertility are referred directly from primary to tertiary care for management. In the rare situation that the patient requires surgical correction of epididymal blockage this would be undertaken locally within secondary care. ▪ To ensure referrals for ovulation induction treatment (including laparoscopic ovarian drilling), tubal surgery and hysteroscopic adhesionolysis are referred directly to secondary care. ▪ To ensure counselling services for patients with fertility problems are accessible throughout the pathway. ▪ To develop a GP with Special Interest (GPwSI) in a primary care setting to provide services which would otherwise be provided in a secondary care setting, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HSG - Ovulation induction with clomifene (with direct access to ovarian US monitoring) - HIV/HepC/Hep B screening prior to tertiary care referral - Reducing demand for outpatient and consultation for Assisted Fertility in acute setting - To offer patients greater choice of provider for ongoing follow up care - To maximise skill mix opportunities and collaborative working between Consultants and GPs 		
3.2 Service description/care pathway		
The service will provide a primary care based assisted fertility service in a cost effective manner, by a competent practitioner in a safe and appropriate environment, accessible to the service user. It is intended to offer patients greater choice of provider locally in a primary care based service for appropriate patients.		
Clinics will be run on a fortnightly basis by the GPwSI from Queens Square Medical Practice premises.		
The provider will:-		

- Obtain patient consent for their assessment and appropriate treatment.
- Provide a comprehensive new patient assessment.
- Fully inform patients of their treatment options and any proposed treatment.
- The service user should give written consent for any procedure to be carried out and the completed NHS consent form should be filed in the service user's lifelong medical record.
- Organise appropriate diagnostic testing and investigations if appropriate.
- Provide patients with appropriate information via verbal, written and patient leaflets.
- Facilitate referrals, where necessary, to other primary or secondary care services within agreed processes and timescales.
- Inform patients and their referring GP of management plan and outcomes.
- Inform patients by telephone if the clinic is cancelled at short notice.

3.3 Population covered

The service will be open to all patients registered with a GP practice in the boundaries of South Cumbria and North Lancashire.

3.4 Any acceptance and exclusion criteria and thresholds

- Access to the service will be promoted across South Cumbria and North Lancashire through the electronic referral system.
- Maximum waiting time from referral to first appointment is to be no more than four weeks.
- The service will be flexible and responsive, taking into account individual needs of the patients, in terms of their circumstances e.g. culture, ethnicity, language and disability.

Exclusions

3.5 Interdependence with other services/providers

- GP's and GP Practices
- Relevant Consultant support
- Acute Hospital Clinicians
- Locality Commissioners

4. Applicable Service Standards

4.1 Applicable national standards (eg NICE)

- NICE CG156 – Fertility Problems: Assessment and Treatment

4.2 Applicable standards set out in Guidance and/or issued by a competent body (eg Royal Colleges)

The Contractor must ensure that all staff involved in providing any aspect of care under this scheme has the necessary training and skills to do so.

In order to participate in the scheme the clinician should be competent in the following:

- DFSRH Family Planning

- PG Dip in Gynaecology

encompassing HH8004T Fertility and HH8005T Sexual Health

4.3 Applicable local standards

- NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB's Policies <https://www.lancashireandsouthcumbria.icb.nhs.uk/about-us/how-we-work/policies-and-procedures>
- including the policy for Assisted Conception Services

5. Applicable quality requirements and CQUIN goals

5.1 Applicable Quality Requirements (See Schedule 4A-C)

5.2 Applicable CQUIN goals (See Schedule 4D)

6. Location of Provider Premises

The Provider's Premises are located at:

Queens Square Medical Practice premises

7. Individual Service User Placement